

REMARKS

Claims 101-400 are pending. In this Second Preliminary Amendment, claims 221, 241, 261 and 281 have been amended, and claims 301-400 have been added. In addition, the Specification has been revised to improve clarity. No new matter has been added.

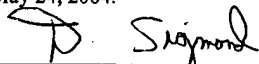
The fee for additional claims 301-400 is calculated below:

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Extra Claims	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	300	- 200	=	100	x \$9	=	\$900
Independent Claims	17	- 11	=	6	x \$43	=	\$258
Multiple Dep. Claim	0	0	=	0	x \$145	=	\$0
Total Fee						=	\$1158

Please charge the \$1158 to Deposit Account No. 502178/BDG024-1 and charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to this Account.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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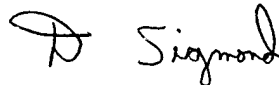


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